

U.15 Munster Cup Round 1 **Ardscoil Na Mara 3-1 De La Salle**

Goals from Dean Larkin and Lee Hennessy secured Ardscoil's first win in the Munster schools cup today in drenching conditions at Ardscoil Na Mara.

Tramore playing against the strong wind and rain in the first half carved out a close attempt on goal from Charlie Binions but was just wide of the target.

The Tramore side did take the lead after 20 minutes of play when a cross from Lee Hennessy was whipped into the box and was struck by Dean Larkin who found the net with a half volley to put Ardscoil one ahead.

De La Salle nearly put the ball in the back of their own net when a very strong pass back slipped under the keeper's foot in the poor conditions but was just cleared off the line by the centre half to prevent the own goal.

With the Tramore side making a few early changes just after half time they seemed to be in with a chance to go two ahead when a perfectly picked out through ball was played to Ardscoil's striker who's chip was denied by the visitors keeper.

The slippery conditions were used to the Tramore sides advantage when Dean Larkin's low-driven shot from distance skidded underneath the De La Salle's keeper to put Ardscoil two ahead.

Lee Hennessy then put the home side three ahead when he curled the ball off the woodwork and over the line directly from a corner kick.

The Tramore side nearly kept a clean sheet but De La Salle did put one past keeper Kyle Cooke when a skidded ball was played through two the striker who was denied first by a great save by the home sides keeper but the rebound fell straight back to the unmarked attacking midfielder who calmly slotted the ball into the back of the net.

It ended 3-1 to the Tramore side and was an excellent start for the under 15s and puts them into the next round of the munster cup.

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